

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

DEPUTY SHERIFF III – HELICOPTER PILOT

\$4,043 - \$4,914

(Plus \$148 Bi-Weekly Assignment Compensation)



CONTINUOUS APPLICATION FILING PERIOD
RECRUITMENT MAY CLOSE AT ANY TIME

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department is recruiting for experienced law enforcement helicopter pilots for the Air Support Unit. The Air Support Unit's mission is to provide air support to ground based Sheriff's Department units engaged in all facets of law enforcement activities.

The Air Support Unit uses two aircraft to patrol urban, rural and mountain areas of Fresno County. The unit is staffed with two pilots, which includes a certified instructor, flying McDonnell Douglas 500E (MD500E) turbine powered helicopters, each equipped with a Wulfburg police radio and Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR).

In addition to operating the aircraft, the Helicopter Pilots perform aerial reconnaissance, patrol, search and rescue; prepare and maintain flight logs, records, and compute weight and balance; serve as aviation safety advisors to the County Safety Officer; and instruct non-aviation personnel on safety principles when working around the aircraft.

CANDIDATES SUCCESSFUL IN THE SELECTION PROCESS MUST PASS A RIGID COUNTY PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS, AS WELL AS A THOROUGH BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.
(BACKGROUND MATERIALS FOR FAILED CANDIDATES ARE RETAINED FOR THREE YEARS.)

GENEROUS BENEFITS PACKAGE

- ◆ Excellent Retirement Plan under the 1937 Act (3.27% at age 55, up to 100%)
- ◆ Cash Incentives for Intermediate and Advanced POST Certificates.
- ◆ Health Benefit package includes: Medical/Dental/Optical/Prescription Drugs. Partial dependant coverage is also provided.
- ◆ Eleven paid holidays per year.
- ◆ Disability and Life Insurance.
- ◆ Deferred Compensation Plan - County sponsored tax-sheltered savings plan.
- ◆ Flexible Premium and Spending Account Program – Employees may pay for certain health and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars.
- ◆ Optional insurance plans that provide reduced group rates including life, automobile, home and legal services for themselves, spouse and dependent children.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must possess the following to be considered a qualified candidate:

Certificates: Possession and maintenance of the following valid certificates:

1. Basic Certificate issued by the State of California, Department of Justice, the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training
2. FAA Commercial Pilot License
3. FAA Rotocraft/Helicopter Rating
4. FAA Instrument Rating - Helicopter
5. FAA Class II Medical

Experience: Two (2) years of full-time, paid law enforcement experience.

Age: At least twenty-one (21) years of age.

License: Possession of a valid Class "C" California Driver's License.

Other: Under California Penal Code Section 830.1, the Deputy Sheriff III classification is defined as a Peace Officer. Candidates must meet all pre-employment as well as ongoing peace officer status requirements.

The following is preferred; however, applications for pilots meeting the above minimum qualifications will be accepted.

- ❖ 1,500 hours in a helicopter as Pilot in Command (PIC), with 100 hours within the past year.
- ❖ 100 hours PIC operating a helicopter the same weight class as MD500E.
- ❖ 50 hours PIC in MD500E or Hughes 500, 10 hours within the past year.
- ❖ 250 hours PIC in mountainous terrain.

SELECTION PROCESS: (Tentative)

1. Submit the following to the Fresno County Personnel Office between 7:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M beginning 3/3/03.

❖ Fresno County employment application and a copy of valid:

- ❖ Basic Certificate issued by P.O.S.T.
- ❖ Commercial pilot certificate
- ❖ Rotocraft/Helicopter rating certificate
- ❖ Instrument Rating certificate

2. Depending upon the number of accepted applicants meeting the minimum qualifications and filing requirements, applicants may be scheduled for one of the following processes:

- ❖ **Oral Examination** – A panel, consisting of at least 2 members within a similar field of expertise as the vacancy, will ask structured questions to which applicants must respond orally in order to evaluate the specific qualifications of each applicant.
- ❖ **Rate and Refer** – Referral of the accepted applicants to the department with the vacancy for an interview.

APPLY AT:

**FRESNO COUNTY PERSONNEL
2220 TULARE STREET
14TH FLOOR - FRESNO COUNTY PLAZA
FRESNO, CA 93721
(559) 488-3364 / (559) 488-3325 – FAX
Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) – (559) 262-4833
Website: www.co.fresno.ca.us**

Should you feel you need special accommodations due to a qualifying disability, please contact the Personnel Office at (559) 488-3364.

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